



Proclamation



Sponsored by the Webb County Bar Association
Webb County Women's Bar Association &
The Laredo Young Lawyers Association

WHEREAS, *Law Day is a celebration of our great heritage of liberty, justice, and equality under law; and,*

WHEREAS, *One of the principles we fought for in the Revolutionary War was the right to trial by jury. The Declaration of Independence pointed out that George III had deprived Americans, "in many cases, of the benefits of trial by jury"; and,*

WHEREAS, *A jury of one's peers is the cornerstone of American democracy. Along with voting, it's one of the main ways people take part in the public life of this nation; and,*

WHEREAS, *Trial by jury is guaranteed in the Fifth, Sixth, and Seventh Amendments; and, Jurors decide whether defendants are guilty or not guilty, liable or not liable; and,*

WHEREAS, *The decisions that jurors make affect millions of lives everyday and have a profound impact on our economy and our society. By entrusting jurors from the community to decide legal cases—some of them involving millions of dollars or life and death issues—we reinforce our belief that everyday people can make the right decision, that we are an open, democratic government; and,*

WHEREAS, *Few activities in our civic life provide such a direct contact with our democracy as does jury service. As we celebrate Law Day 2005, we acknowledge the central role of juries in American life, and we recognize the importance of educating our fellow citizens about the rewards and benefits of jury service;*

NOW THEREFORE, *I, Louis H. Bruni, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the State of Texas as Webb County Judge, and on behalf of the Webb County Commissioner's Court, do hereby proclaim the week of May 09, 2005 as:*

"Law Week"

In Webb County, Texas and urge the citizens, schools, businesses, and media to use this occasion to dedicate ourselves to preserve and strengthen the jury system.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, *we have hereunto signed our names officially and caused the*
Official

Seal of Webb County, Texas to be affixed on this 9th day of May, 2005.

The Honorable Frank Sciaraffa
Webb County Commissioner Pct. 1

The Honorable Louis H. Bruni
Webb County Judge

The Honorable Judith G. Gutierrez
Webb County Commissioner Pct. 2

The Honorable Jerry Garza
Webb County Commissioner Pct. 3

The Honorable Cindy Cortez Brunner
Webb County Commissioner Pct. 4